Weekly Volunteer Update

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Not only must we be good, but we must also be good for something."

~Henry David Thoreau

Jill's House Moving Day Helpers - May 26- June 19 A GREAT GROUP PROJECT!

It's moving day at last for Jill's House, a residence for cancer patients and their caregivers while receiving treatment at the Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute. Volunteers are needed to help make their new 40,000 sq. ft., 26-bedroom house a home! Volunteers will unpack, assemble and place 37 rooms of furniture, sort and organize supplies, do general cleaning and handyman tasks and inventorying. Shifts are flexible and available May 26 through June 19. Minimum age is 18. For more information contact: Peg or Bud Howard at 855-8468 or jillshouse@mpri.org (www.jills-house.org).

Parade of Homes Volunteers – June 7-8

Everyone loves a parade! Habitat for Humanity has been invited to showcase their five Builder's Blitz homes in the Monroe County Building Association's annual Parade of Homes from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. on June 7th and from 12-5 p.m. on June 8th. Ten volunteers are needed to work in pairs to stay in the homes during the parade. Duties include greeting people as they come in and selling tickets to anybody who hasn't purchased one. Minimum age is 18. For more information contact: Kai Westerfield at 331-4069, ext. 2 or volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org (www.monroecountyhabitat.org).

Drum Corps Fan Experience Volunteers – Aug. 5-9

Be a part of an amazing World Championships experience and an Indiana first! Drum Corps International and MusicCrossroads are looking for 1,000 volunteers to welcome and host the 2008 Drum Corps International World Championships, between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. Aug. 5-9 in Indianapolis and Bloomington. Volunteer opportunities range from event logistics support to hosting and hospitality for corps staying in the community. A brief training is required. The deadline to express interest in volunteering is July 20. Minimum age is 18. For more information contact: Rob DeCleene at the Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 812-355-7725 or rob@visitbloomington.com (www.dci.org/volunteer).

Boxcar Books Volunteer Call Out (May 24th) - FILL THE SUMMER VOLUNTEER GAP!

Bloomington's only all volunteer-run, non-profit bookstore needs you! Boxcar Books is seeking committed volunteers who are in Bloomington for the summer (and beyond) and have a passion for books. Opportunities are available to fit most schedules and experience levels, including: assisting customers, ringing up sales, shelving and organizing books, light cleaning duties, graphic design and writing book reviews. Two hour per week shifts are available. RSVP to attend the Volunteer Call Out at 3 p.m. this Saturday, May 24th at 310A S. Washington St. to find out more. All ages welcome! For more information contact: Tess Hannah at 339-8710 or tess@boxcarbooks.org (www.boxcarbooks.org).

CATS Diversity Project

IU's Asian Culture Center is looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained to produce a monthly, 30-minute television program focusing on diversity-related issues at CATS (Community Access Television Services). CATS Project is an on-going effort to increase the campus-community partnership between Indiana University and the City of Bloomington. Get trained to use video equipment, contribute topics or appear on-air. Adult volunteers in kids in grade 7 or above are needed to begin training this summer. For more information contact the CATS Project Steering Committee at acc@indiana.edu or call (812) 856-5361 (www.indiana.edu/~acc).

Community Wish List – Grant a wish for this community organization!

Girls Incorporated of Monroe County Provides after-school/summer/holiday programming for girls ages 6 to 18, inspiring them to be strong, smart and bold. To grant a wish for this organization contact Lucy Berger at 336-7313 or lberger.monroe@girls-inc.org (www.girlsinc-monroe.org).

Wishes: automated external defibrillator, career-focused costumes, newsprint, office partitions/privacy screens, parachutes (med/large), photocopy paper (color & white), pots & pans (not teflon), trash cans w/lids (40 gal.)

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